REMARKS

Claims 14-18 were pending at the time of the October 30, 2006 office action.

Claims 14 and 15 are withdrawn.

Claims 16-18 are now pending.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect between groups I (claims 14 and 15) and II (claims 16-18). Applicant herein elects group II (claims 16-18) without traverse. Claims 14 and 15 are withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of claims 14 and 15 in a divisional patent application.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required for allowance.

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